

Subj: Crisis in Etowah County Alabama  
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Dear friends and fellow patriots:

As most of you probably know at this time, Mike Kemp, founder of the Gadsden Minutemen in Gadsden Alabama turned himself in to the Etowah County Sheriff's Department in Gadsden, Alabama Saturday night at 11:30.

Since that time, no one has heard a word from Mike. For those of us closest to him, who were in daily contact by telephone as well as e-mail, it is obvious that something is terribly wrong. Friends and family alike have been denied access to Mike and have not been told anything about his medical condition.

We have found out that Mike went into general population as soon as he arrived at the jail. Within a short time, Mike's health began to fail rapidly. He was taken to a medical ward where he stayed until a doctor finally went to the captain of the jail and told him that if Mike did not receive serious medical attention immediately, he would die. We have found out from an inside source that Mike is now in medical solitary under 24-hour observation. Where is anybody's guess.

Rich Hayward went to Judge Ray Moore in Gadsden, Alabama with a writ of habeas corpus. The judge refused to hear it at all, and threw many obstacles up at Rich. Rich at that time told the judge that he, as a judge, had a duty to hear this, which he refused to do. Rich was told by the judge that if he wanted action, to go file the writ, and again refused to hear it. Rich expressed concern to the judge that if he filed it, it might be heard by the very judge about whom they were complaining. None of this was to any avail. Judge Roy Moore of Gadsden, Alabama refused to hear it, and Mike's condition remains unknown to his friends and family.

Mike has relatives in Gadsden including grandparents in their 90's, who are worried sick and who have so far been denied any access to Mike. We have been told that Mike refused to see 2 visitors, but no one seems to be able to name or locate these visitors. They are not his friends or family...if they exist at all.

Let me take just a moment to make you aware of Mike Kemp's medical condition. Mike has arthritis, epilepsy, and insulin dependent diabetes. Mike knows his condition and his own body's response to his condition very well, and is one of the best self-controlled diabetics I have ever encountered. I have never known him to have a diabetic crisis of any kind in my years of knowing him, yet such a condition developed within hours of his arriving in jail.

The jail refuses to give anyone any information about Mike Kemp's medical condition. The people I have talked to at the Sheriff's Department and the jail, and there are several, deny any knowledge of the names of ANY of the doctors who see the patients. I spoke to a woman in the jail tonight who told me that the doctors were only there for first shift, and since I had

called on second shift, none of them could tell me anything, that the doctor's identities were unknown to anyone on second shift, and that the doctors only saw patients on first shift. Sure is nice of the prisoners to only get sick from 7-3. I then called the sheriff's department and got the same story. The statement that the doctors were unknown to anyone other than the first shift and that they only saw patients during first shift is on tape.

At this time, I am urging anyone with a computer to put this message out on the internet to ANYONE you see fit. I am asking ALL of you to call the Etowah County Sheriff's Department as well as the jail as SOON as you get this, and ask specifically for information about Mike Kemp's medical condition. Make sure you ask any and all of them the name (s) of the doctor (s) who see prisoners at the jail. If ANYONE gets a name, let me know what it is. Please make these calls and ask you friends to make these calls. We will not let up on these people who have refused the writ of habeas corpus, have refused friends and family any access to or any information about Mike and his medical condition. We only know that he is very ill, and no one, including the judge will produce him.

This could quite possibly be a grave situation. We are dealing with a corrupt local government which is not very fond of Mike. There are a lot of ways to harm a diabetic in prison. Inattention to the condition is only one of them. Something is badly wrong, folks, no one has heard from Mike at all and that is not normal. He doesn't "just get sick" like he apparently has this time, and so far, those who have him incarcerated will not produce him or any information about him. Please make these calls and help us help our friend and fellow patriot Mike Kemp.

The name of the Etowah County Sheriff is James Hayes  
The telephone number for the Etowah County Sheriff's Department is (205) 546-2825  
The telephone number for the Etowah County Jail is (205) 549-5410...this is the last place Mike was seen, at 11:30 Saturday night.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Birmingham  
Gadsden Minutemen